

National Park Service
2014 Environmental Achievement Awards

Winner

Delaware North Company, Building Toward the Future
Yellowstone National Park

Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts (DNC) operates 12 retail locations in Yellowstone National Park, and has demonstrated a commitment to environmental stewardship throughout their operations. This commitment is managed through DNC's GreenPath® Program. GreenPath serves as the Environmental Management System for DNC, has been registered to ISO 14001 standards, and has been verified by a third party since 2003.

In FY2013, DNC took several actions through the GreenPath program to address the requirements of Executive Order 13514.

- DNC undertook a \$20,000 lighting retrofit at the West Yellowstone Warehouse, reducing energy intensity by 30%.
- At the Grant Dormitory, a new solar thermal renewable energy system contributed to saving around 400 gallons of propane in 2013.
- A fleet management program (including carpooling, procurement, no-idling policy, optimization of use) led to a reduction in unleaded fuel use of 1,561 gallons. DNC also provides passes for employees to the LINX public transportation system, and has replaced 16% of its fleet with alternative fuel vehicles.
- Potable water use has been reduced through the installation of water efficient fixtures, educational materials, and the elimination of potable water use for landscaping.
- DNC updated its Environmental Preferable Purchasing Policy in 2013. To promote the program and direct visitors to products that have a reduced environmental impact, DNC provides labels/messaging that include Local, Organic, Environmentally Preferable, Made in the USA, and made of Post Consumer Content. DNC has also installed water bottle filling stations throughout its operations to promote the use of reusable water bottles.
- All single use dining items on offer at DNC operations are 100% compostable, and the company has achieved a solid waste diversion rate of 56.4%.

The comprehensive and deliberate approach that DNC takes toward environmental stewardship provides a positive example for all NPS concessioners, and for the community at large. Company employees are highly engaged in the local communities and lend support to many organizations and events. Annually, DNC hosts the largest Earth Day Celebration in the Yellowstone region.